P03,0381

Approved for use through 02/29/2008. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Complete if Known Substitute for form 1449/PTO Application Number 10/668,855 Filing Date 09/23/2003 INFORMATION DISCLOSURE First Named Inventor Torsten Niederdrank et al. STATEMENT BY APPLICANT Art Unit 2615 (Use as many sheets as necessary) Examiner Name Lun-See Lao

Attorney Docket Number

Sheet 1

			U. S. PATENT	DOCUMENTS	
xaminer nitials*	Cite No.1	Document Number  Number-Kind Code <sup>2 (ff known)</sup>	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevar Figures Appear
/LL/	AA	<sup>US-</sup> 2001/002930 A1	06-07-2001	Kates James Mitchell	
/LL/	AB	<sup>US-</sup> 2003/026442 A1	06-02-2003	Fang et al.	
/LL/	AC	<sup>US-</sup> 6,480,610 B1	12-11-2002	Fang et al.	
/LL/	AD	<sup>US-</sup> 7,106,871B1	12-09-2006	Nielsen et al.	
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			, "
		US-			
		US-		]	
		US-			
	<b>†</b>	US-			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS									
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear				
		Country Code <sup>3 "</sup> Number <sup>4 "</sup> Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY			T⁵			
/LL/	AE	WO 01/22775 A2 = See AB & AC	03-29-2001	Sonic Innovations, Inc.					
/LL/	AF	WO 01/06812 A1 = See AD	01-25-2001	Oticon A/S					

Examiner Signature	/Lun Lao/	Date Considered	04/02/2008

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at <a href="https://www.uspto.gov">www.uspto.gov</a> or MPEP 901.04. Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup>Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. <sup>6</sup>Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. **SEND** TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.